

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 17th, 2022



Members Present: Matt Landers, Lorenda Volker, Melissa Divido, Kristine Miller, Frank Johnson, Michael Allen, Judge Susan Blanco, Sara Steen, Sid Simonson, Staci Shaffer, Sam Houghteling, Allyce Lobdell, Gordon McLaughlin, Tom Hulse, Greg Otte, Katrina Mangan

Guests: Matt Cloven

Staff Present: Tim Hand, Alexis Ongley, Dana Hersch, Misty Perry, Miguel LaLond

Notes: Aubrey Clevenger

This meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm by Chair Matt Landers

Article 74

- Alexis Ongley reports on her meeting with Katie Ruske, Director of the Office of Community Corrections regarding Article 74, and the conflicting statutory obligations.
- Alexis provides a recap on the specifics of the article for those who were not present at last month's meeting where it was initially discussed.
- The article touches on the protection of immigration status, personal identifying information, and access to services.
- Katie Ruske will be working with the Attorney General to provide more guidance to Community Corrections Departments across the state.

Conrad Ball

- Aubrey Clevenger informs members that the 44th Conrad Ball award ceremony will be held at the Fort Collins Country Club on September 30th.
- As a reminder, nominations will close June 10th and they can be submitted here:
<https://www.larimer.org/comcor/conrad-ball-award-nomination>

Unauthorized Absences

- Alexis discusses the data trends of escape and unauthorized absence numbers dating back to 2017 prelaw change to 2021.
- The escape rates have increased significantly since the law change in March of 2019.
- Without accounting for the percent of escapes/unauthorized absences, the department is having high success.
- Alexis explains the first 30 days of a client's residency is crucial to their success. If they manage to stabilize during the first month, there is a higher percentage of them staying.
- Dana Hersch raises attention to the subsistence bill where clients will not pay their fees for an entire year and how this may impact escape numbers. How can clients be incentivized to stay?
- Members discuss some financial details and the importance around financial planning during the unpaid year.

Fentanyl House Bill 1368/ HB22-1326

- Tim summarizes the visit to the Capitol to testify on HB22-1326 with the brave clients who shared their testimonies.
- Numerous senators were highly impressed with the work being done in Larimer County and praised the Community Corrections department.

- Tim further explores the fentanyl bill and the powerful story of Marshall Weaver, a recovering addict, and how he plead at the Capitol to lower the fentanyl threshold.

Stakeholder's Standards Review

- Alexis reports how the stakeholders' standards review meetings have been going as they've been reviewing sections and discussing feedback.
- Out of the last meeting came two new proposed standards:
 1. Policies and procedures around handling mental health crises.
 2. Policies and procedures surrounding supplying basic hygiene supplies.
- Alexis shares the upcoming topics in the next meeting revolving around staff development: hiring practices, leadership structure, staff skill building, caseloads, self-audits and more.

CCIB Billing System

- Alexis mentions upcoming state hosted trainings on the new CCIB billing system and PBC (Performance Based Contracting) model.
- DCJ will be conducting a high-level training around the state explaining the system. If any board members are interested in attending, please let Alexis know.

Video Production Recruiting Video

- Tim outlines the video production work Ben Hess and his team have been doing around the facility in preparation of a recruitment video that will be published this June.
- The CJA department has been actively reaching out to colleges in various states to drive recruitment and recruit more qualified individuals.
- This 9-minute recruiting video will be utilized in support of all recruiting purposes.

CACCB Meeting

- Kristine Miller notifies members of the approaching CACCB meeting in Douglas County on June 10th. Please register if you're available to attend to acquire some informative information.

Personnel Update

- Tim discusses some recent personnel updates including the introduction of the department's new Clinical Director, Misty Perry.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:03 pm by Chair Matt Landers

Next Meeting is June 21st, 2022